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rather than a creation. Its history with the law of 1707 by having the symbolic circular grouping of the Mrs. Jett's sons, S. V. R. B., and R. can be traced back to the 12th cen- the Union Jack on it; it also repretury, or nearly 600 years prior to sented the 13 colonies by the the first "Flag Day," June 14, 1777, 13 stripes.

During the first crusade in 1195.

When James VI of Scotland as- white stars on a blue field. cended the throne of England as James I, he combined the two flags feature of the American flag. The and issued a proclamation requiring charming story which credits Betsy all ships to carry the new flag at Ross with making the first flag of their main masts. At the same stars and stripes is still accepted by time the vessels of south Britain historians. When Washington sugwere to carry at their foremasts the gested the six-pointed star, she red cross of St. George and the demonstrated the case with which ships of North Britain to carry the a five pointed star could be made white cross of St. Andrew.

"King Colors," the "Union Colors" seissors. Some writers are of the or the "Great Union," and later as opinion that both stars and stripes the "Union Jack," and was the one in the flag were derived from the under which the British made all coat of arms of the Washington their permanent settlements in family but this theory is not gen-America. It was the flag of Great erally held. Britain only by proclamation, however; not until 1707 did Parliament flag was in 1777. On June 14 of pass an act definitely uniting the that year the Continental Congress two countries and their flags. In the passed on act providing that "the same year the Government issued flug of the thirteen United States. regulations requiring the Navy to be thirteen stripes, alternate red use what was known as the white and white that the union be thirensign the Naval Reserve, the blue teen stars white on a blue field. ensign; and the Merchant Marine, representing a new constellation." the red ensign. Owing to the fact The thirteen stars were arranged that the British merchant vessels in a circle to symbolize the perwere everywhere, the colonists in petuity of the union of the states, America came to look upon this red

colonies were bitterly opposed to new States ought to be recognized the cross in the flag. In 1635 some on the flag, so in 1794 Congress of the troops in Massachusetts de- passed an act making the flag 15 clined to march under this flag and stars and 15 stripes the military commissioners were. This remained the flag of the forced to design other flags for their United States throughout the War troops with the cross left out. The of 1812, until there were 20 States design they adopted has not been in the Union. In 1816, an effort preserved. In 1652 a mint was es- was again made to modify the flag tablished in Boston. Money coined so that all the new States would be in this mint had the pine tree represented on it. To be continualstamped on one side of it. The pine ly adding stripes would make the tree design was also used on New flag very awkward in shape and England flags, certainly by 1704 appearance, so after arguing the and the work gives satisfacand possibly as early as 1635.

tion the American colonies had no thirteen stripes and one star for flag common to all of them. In each State. Congress has never many cases the merchant marine determined the arrangement of the flag of England was used with the stars nor the shape and proportions pine tree substituted for the Union Jack Massachusetts the green pine tree on a white field with the motto: "An Appeal to Heaven." Some of the Southern States had the rattlesnake flag with the motto "Don't Tread on Me" on a white or yellow field. This flag had been used by South Carolina as early as 1764 Benjamin Franklin defended the rattlesnakedevice on the ground that the rattlesnake is found only in America and that serpent emblems were considered by ancients to be symbols of wisdom.

In September, 1775, there was diplayed in the South what is by many believed to be the first distinctively American flag. It was blue with a white crescent, and matched the dress of the troops, who wore caps inscribed "Liberty or

The colonists desired to adopt a common flag; but they had not yet declared independence and were not at first seeking independence. They took the British flag as they knew it, and made a new colonial flag by dividing the red field with white stripes into 13 alternate red and white stripes. This is known

as the Cambridge flag, because it of the flag, and there has been Mrs J H. Jett and daughter. A Brief History of the Stars and was first unfurled over Washington's great variation, especially in the Miss Nellie and Mrs. T. C. Bowling headquarters at Cambridge, Mass, grouping of the stars. There are of near Lakenan left Saturday for The American flag is a growth, on January 1, 1776. It complied still many what believe that the Denver, Colo, where they will visit

As the colonists gradually be-Pope Urban II assigned to all of came converted to the idea that inthe Christian nations as standards dependence from the mother councrosses varying in color and design try was necessary, they began to emblematic of the warfare in which modify the flag, first by leaving off they were engaged. To the Scotch the Union Jack and using only the troops was assigned the white sal- 13 horizontal stripes. The modifitire, known as the white cross of ed flags were not always red and St. Andrew, on a blue field. The white, but regularly consisted of British used a yellow cross, but a combinations of two colors selected century and a quarter later they from red, white, blue, and yellow, adopted a red cross on a white field. The final modification, was the reknown as the red cross of St. George. placement of the Union Jack by

The stars are the only distinctive by folding a piece of paper and pro-The new flag was known as ducing one with a single clip of the

The official adoption of our first

Vermont was admitted to the ensign as the flag of Great Britain Union in 1791 and Kentucky in The people in the New England 1792 It was felt that these two

matter for two years. Congress de-At the outbreak of the Revolu- cided to return to the original

stars should be restored. Home brother, S. H. Jett, in Leadville, Life

Mrs Homer Hamiston and child days in Holden, Mo., where Miss ren of Lakenan and Mrs Charles Nellie taught last year and will Dempsey and baby, of Shelbyville, teach again this year, spent the week end with John

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Mildew or any other stain may be safely removed from leather by the use of vaseline, which should be rubbed in until absorbed and then the leather polished with a chamois.

If a cake is given a 'ew hits on the table just before putting it into the oven, it will never fall, as all the air bubbles will then come to the surface and break, and there is nothing to cause it to fall

Instead of spoiling the orleleth on your kitchen table by setting hot pans and cooking utensits on it. keep a small board about fifteen inches square on the table. This will be found worth while Ex.

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